Subject: Extension of timeline for the compliance of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Fourth Amendment Regulations, 2019 dated 30th October, 2019 related to the standards of packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water).

Reference is drawn to the direction dated 7th January, 2020 issued vide F.No. Stds/SP-Water & Beverage/Misc (2)/2019-FSSAI regarding the subject mentioned above wherein the timeline for the compliance of the provision related to the limits of Calcium and Magnesium in Packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water) was extended up to 1st July, 2020.

3. Meanwhile, representations have been received from stakeholders requesting for further extension of time for compliance of above mentioned provision since the food business operators are yet not prepared to comply with the said provision due to the lockdown implemented to check the spread of Covid-19 pandemic.

4. After due consideration of the representation, it has been decided to further extend the timeline for compliance related to the limits of Calcium and Magnesium for the standards of Packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water) up to 1st January, 2021.

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested under Section 16(5) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

Yours sincerely,

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To
1. Commissioner of Food Safety of all States/UTs.
2. All Food Business Operators
3. All Central Licensing Authority
4. All Authorized Officers
5. CITO, FSSAI :For uploading this direction on FSSAI website.